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SUBJECT: KAUNDA CAUTIONS RHODESIANS NOT TO PLAY TO GALLERY

1. SPEAKING AT CLOSING SESSION OF UNIP NATIONAL COUNCIL IN LUSAKA ON DEC 17, PRES KAUNDA CAUTIONED BOTH WHITE AND BLACK RHODESIAN POLITICAL LEADERS NOT TOMCONDUCT THEIR NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE PRESS AS THEY MIGHT MAKE STATEMENTS THEY COULD COME TO REGRET LATER. RHODESIANS OF ALL RACES, HE SAID, SHOULD "SPEAK LESS TO PRESS GALLERY AND MORE AMONG THEMSELVES. PUBLIC STANDS ARE OFTEN HARD TO RETRACT ONVP NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STARTED." PRESIDENT DID NOT CITE EXAMPLES OF GALLERY PLAYING HE HAD IN MIND BUT COULD HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO BBC INTERVIEW (PUBLISHED HERE DEC 16) IN WHICH IAN SMITH EMPHASIZED HIS CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO BLACK GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA AND HIS PREPAREDNESS ONLY ACCEPT
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FRANCHISE. PRESIDENT MAY ALSO HAVE MEANT UNHELPFUL
STATEMENT BY ZANU S SITHOLE WHO TOLD PRESS DEC 13
HE SEES NO WAY SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED BECAUSE
RHODESIAN GOVT IS DEDICATED TO MINORITY RULE.

2. PRESIDENT APPEALED TO BOTH SIDES IN RHODESIA
TO DISPLAY PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IN SEARCH
FOR JUST SETTLEMENT, ADDING THAT OUTSIDERS LIKE
ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA, AND TANZANIA CAN ONLY HELP
BUT THAT REAL SOLUTION MUST COME FROM RHODESIAN
PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

3. PRESIDENT ALSO EXHIBITED SOME IMPATIENCE
WITH ZAMBIANS WHO HAVE CRITICIZED HIM FOR SPENDING
TOO MUCH TIME RECENTLY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
NEGLECT OF IMPORTANT DOMESTIC BUSINESS. "WHERE
WE FEEL WE CAN PLAY A ROLE WE SHALL DO IT.
THAT IS WHY WE HAVE TRIED TO HELP THE SITUATION
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA," HE SAID.

4. PERHAPS PARTLY TO JUSTIFY HIS DEVOTION OF
TIME AND EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT POLITICAL SETTLEMENT
IN SOUTH, PRESIDENT REVEALED THAT 13 PEOPLE
HAD BEEN KILLED IN LANDMINE EXPLOSIONS INSIDE
ZAMBIA DURING PAST TWO MONTHS. IN ADDITION
TO THREE DEAD AND SIX INJURED IN NOV 19 GWEMBE
DISTRICT INCIDENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FIVE
PERSONS (INCLUDING CHILD) WERE KILLED AND
FIVE OTHERS INJURED WHEN LANDMINE EXPLODED
UNDER LANDROVER CARRYING GAME WARDENS IN
CHAKANGA GAME RESERVE NEAR CHIRUNDU ON
DECEMBER 1. PRESS DOES NOT EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY
BETWEEN EIGHT DEATHS RECORDED THESE
TWO INCIDENTS AND FIGURE OF 13 MENTIONED BY
PRESIDENT.
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